

In the Specification:

Please amend published paragraph 0003 as follows:

Complicated mechanical devices have crevices and recesses that are difficult, if not almost impossible to clean with ease. Devices that are not properly cleaned and sterilized run the risk of disease transfer from patient to patient following the emergence of certain "prions" that are not killed by normal hospital ~~sterilisation~~ sterilization and need to be physically removed by washing/rinsing.

Please amend published paragraph 0012 as follows:

Another object of the invention is to ~~minimise~~ minimize the number of pieces and the risk that parts could be lost.

Please amend published paragraph 0049 as follows:

Referring now to FIGS. 6B, 7A, and 7B, the prosthesis-engaging collet 120 is made up of two jaws 126 which pivot on a ball or cylindrical pivot 130 having an threaded bore 132 ~~[[34]]~~ passing transversely therethrough. The jaws 126 are constrained at one end 30' by a shoulder 136 of a plastic impaction head 140, along their outer circumference by a cup-shaped sleeve 142, and at an opposite end 143 by a compression spring 144 which reacts against a bottom end 142' of the sleeve 142.

Please amend published paragraph 0050 as follows:

Referring as well to FIG. 8, an actuation screw 146 has a narrow cylindrical tip 146a, a threaded body 146b and a cylindrical interface 146c. The interface 146c has a cross hole 146d formed transversely to the longitudinal axis 147 of the screw 146. A U-joint shackle or clevis 152 slides over the interface 146c. A cross pin 150 ~~passing~~ passes through slots 152' in the shackle 152 and through the cross hole 146d of the interface 146e so that ends 150' of the cross pin protrude beyond the outermost cylindrical surface of the interface into the slots 152'.

Please amend published paragraph 0058 as follows:

In another advantage, due to the drawing of the ~~prothesis~~
prosthesis 2 against the impaction head 40, the connection
between the prosthesis 11 is robust as the connection is made
without any play or gaps therebetween, ensuring good support
during impaction.

Please amend published paragraph 0061 as follows:

Another object of the invention is to ~~minimise~~ minimize the number of pieces and the risk that parts could be lost.